

**CITY OF KANKAKEE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
SUMMARY OF MINUTES
MONDAY, OCTOBER 19TH, 2020
7:00 P.M.**

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: I will call the meeting to order. We will move on to prayer by Alderman Tetter and move on to the Pledge of Allegiance led by City Council Members. Moving on Item 4 Public Comments, due to COVID-19 and social distancing the city of Kankakee has modified procedures in order to accept public comments, please submit all public comments to publiccomment@citykankakee-il.gov no later than 3:00 P.M. on Monday, October 19th, 2020. City Council meetings are accessible through Comcast Channel 4, which is our government access channel. The city of Kankakee YouTube channel and also the city of Kankakee website. Jasmyne did have a few Public Comments that were submitted on the day of the last Council meeting but they were submitted after 3:00P.M. Moving on to Public Comments.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

TROY MCMULLEN: You all really should have done something to help those people. I know this is the survival of the fittest kind of world, but we can all come up with a little help from each other. It is starting to get cold out here too.

ROXXANNA LOPEZ: I was just made aware that some voted no on the Fortitude shelter is speaking to those that voted no, I would like to ask you to work on your empathy and compassion. When you are in a position to help others self-need needs to be put to the side. You were in these positions to look out for all in the community. Nobody gets to pick and choose which are less deserving of help. I would also like to ask not only think of what will bring in money. Yes, that's also needs to be taken into consideration, but some things like caring for humanity in general are more important. I run into these people a lot on the street. Most of them are the most down to earth people but they just need someone to let them know they care and understand the fact that other things need to be taken into consideration. However, I also believe that it is a priority, especially since it's getting colder. Tonight, I asked you to look in the mirror and ask

yourself, what am I really doing in this community to make a difference for ALL? I would hope you would never have to experience homelessness. Then again, sometimes that's the only way for some, to be able to understand what it's like. It can happen to anyone. God bless this town.

THERESA STUBBLEFIELD:

This is a question or comment for tonight's city council meeting with the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT). The recommended alternative, of the IDOT at I-57 at IL-17 Interchange Project, October 1st, 2020. There are buildings listed to be removed including permanent structures, garage, and concrete slabs. Will IDOT be compensating the property owners for replacement and relocation of their buildings?

ROLL CALL

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Alright, those are the Public Comments we'll move on to a Roll Call of the city council.

CLERK DUMAS:

PRESENT: Tetter, Brown, Curtis, Cobbs, Lewis, Tall, Faford, Swanson, Crawford, Osenga, O'Brien, Gall, Malone Marshall, Prude
(14) Present (0) Absent

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Thank you. Department Heads.

CLERK DUMAS:

PRESENT: Kosman, Schuldt, Kubal, McGrath, Schiel Piggush, Nelson, Bertrand, Hoffman, Ellexson, Brewer-Watson.

MINUTES

MAYOR WELLS ARMSTRONG: Thank you. Item 6 Minutes from Monday, September 21st, 2020. May I have a motion to approve?

ALD OSENGA:

So move.

ALD MALONE MARSHALL:

Second.

MAYOR WELLS ARMSTRONG: Motioned by Alderman Osenga and Seconded by Alderwoman Malone Marshall. Any discussion on the minutes? Hearing none, Roll Call please.

CLERK DUMAS:

AYES: Tetter, Brown, Curtis, Cobbs, Lewis, Tall, Faford, Swanson, Crawford, Osenga, O'Brien,

Gall, Malone Marshall, Prude
(14) Ayes (0) Nays

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Motion carries. Item B Minutes for Tuesday, September 29th, 2020 will be provided at a later date. Item C Minutes for Monday, October 5th, 2020 will be provided at a later date. We do have some special guests with us tonight so I'm just going to move around the agenda a little bit and go to Item 8 on the Communications.

COMMUNICATIONS

ITEM 8A: Presentation by the Illinois Department of Transportation Regarding the Exit 312 Gateway Signage Improvements.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: We have a presentation by the Illinois Department of Transportation regarding the Exit 312. It says Gateway Signage Improvements but they're also going to talk about the Interchange Project. I have Dave Alexander I saw you earlier, I'm looking for you. There you are. And you have a colleague, and I let you introduce, I just want to thank you both for being here tonight. I just wanted the community to hear firsthand from the Illinois Department of Transportation regarding the project. These gentlemen also were in the 7th Ward last Friday for two hours speaking with residents from 4:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M. for meeting as well. So, I just really want to thank you all for being responsive and for being here tonight and I'll go ahead and turn it over to you Dave.

DAVE ALEXANDER: Thank you Mayor, thank you we and we appreciate the opportunity, and it was great to meet with people in the 7th Ward and hopefully it was helpful to them. Reeves (*inaudible*) is here with me tonight too. I've lost track of where he is but Reeves on with us tonight also, the project website has all kinds of exhibits on the project. So, I'm not going to show any drawings or anything tonight I'll just talk through kind of the basics of how the process works and go from there. So starting out kind of talking about timeline.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: We're talking about the Interchange Project?

DAVE ALEXANDER: Yeah. I'm sorry I should clarify that first, the gateway signage project is a city of Kankakee project, the department is involved as a permitting agency, but that's a city of Kankakee project. And I also wanted to mention

there is a resurfacing project going on the interstate right now that I know has caused some confusion. So, from just north of the Kankakee river to just south of the Illinois 50 Interchange. There's a project under construction this year to resurface the interstate do some patching and do some bridge repairs. So that is not the interchange reconstruction. Just a typical maintenance project. So, so what I'm talking about is the study that's ongoing that's looking at reconstruction of the existing 312 interchange the I-57 and Illinois 17 Interchange, and the limits of that run from South of Waldron Road to North of 17, South of Grinnel Road. So kind of filling in the gap of some previous projects that have been done. I'll just talk through the little bit of the timeline on that project. It's been in Kankakee's mind that something needs to go on here for many years. Back in 2001, the department, took a look at this area and did two things did a study on I-57 to see. Did we think that someday down the road, additional lanes would be warranted and did a study at this interchange to see what type of interchange might be able to work here. Those studies wrapped up around 2011 and rolled in to this current, what we call Phase 1 Engineering Study that I've been working on. I was working on this project and in 2011 when I started. I was away for a short time at one point, but I've been with the project most of its life. We had a public meeting back in 2012 to kind of show the results of those earlier studies, let people know that something was going on. We had a public meeting in 2013, to show a little more detail of what improvements we might be looking at, and some of the impacts that would involve, and then since that time, there's been a lot of work going on, mostly behind the scenes we haven't been back to the public. We've been in contact with the city to let them know the project still going and the studies are on but there's drainage studies and traffic noise studies and just all of the designing and then looking at other projects like there's a project in the works to replace the structures over Grinnell code. So kind of making sure all the designs would mesh. So that's what's been going on in the background. Then here in 2020 reached a point where we could put together a preliminary set of plans. We came back then to the city. I'll make sure I get my timeline right here. We started sending letters out actually to property owners in early September. I shouldn't just say property owners, property owners, anybody who's noted their interest in the project, local officials, legislators, public service providers to say, we were going to do this

public involvement period in October. So, you know, not a lot of detail in those letters just to notify people so people would know to be on the lookout. When we met with local officials, so that included representatives of the city and the county and the Metropolitan Planning Organization. Later in September, just to give them a overview of what we were going to put out on website for the public. Typically this is something we would do with an in person meeting. Similar to the meetings we did back in 2013, but because of the pandemic situation we knew we couldn't have a big meeting and get everybody together. So we're using the project website as kind of a hub to get all this information out. My contact information on the website and really most of the correspondence. As the project manager for IDOT, we're able to, you know, take people's comments through email, mail them in have small meetings like we did when we got together on Friday. Property owners from the Mary Crest area. So, a lot of different options there. I want to make sure I don't miss anything on my timeline here so the, the final public involvement for the study is running from October 1st to October 31st. So we're around just past halfway through that period that we're looking to get comments and one of the things I've been trying to clarify to people. A comment we received on October 31 will become part of the official record, they go in the actual study document it does not mean that a comment we receive after that time doesn't get addressed. It will get considered it will get responded to in writing like any of the other comments. We just have to have a point that we're going to cut off and say okay well, we'll collect these now and put them in the document. We're looking at finishing up this Phase 1 the study portion, this calendar year. And then we have funding to start the Phase 2 the design portion where we get into more details in 2021. So that won't start immediately but it will start, hopefully relatively soon after the study has completed. So right now Phase 2 design is funded and the construction land acquisition and construction are only funded for the Waldron Road overhead replacement, because of the structural need there that portion is funded we were going to have to do something to that bridge anyway. But the remainder of the project the land acquisition and the construction are not funded at this time so there's no dates to give anybody for when land acquisition would start right now it's not funded. But what I have been telling people is the design and the land acquisition process even if the phone rang tomorrow

and somebody said it's all funded, typically takes at least two years for a project of this size. So it's not something that we would, you know have construction going on next year or even the year after that, even if the funding were identified today. So that's kind of the timeline. I'm sure I don't miss anything. Just to hit on the public involvement side of it. We sent the letters as I mentioned, we did run an advertisement in the Daily Journal on the 16th and the 28th of September, let people know that was starting. And then we had our meeting with some of the local residents I've received a handful of comments so far and I'm hoping after Friday and today that we get a few more. That helps us a lot to know. You know what things to look at as we continue to finalize the design the comments, really do help. So for anybody that's skeptical, you know, we look at the comments. I'll be looking at them all and responding and writing to anybody who at least provides me contact information so I can respond to them. The scope of the project. You know what we're looking at doing, I'll get into that but I really want to stress go to their provident website. And I'll read off the website, but it's IDOT's website it's a long addresses. So maybe if the city could help me. Maybe post something on your site, or people let me know if people are having trouble finding that site up but it was listed on the letters that went out as well. I think the county. Kankakee Transportation Study did something on their site. I wanted to mention the process before I get into the proposed improvements. There's a document on the site, describing the land acquisition process it's a one pager but it's got a lot of good information a couple of the highlights I wanted to hit property is appraised by a licensed appraiser either an IDOT employee or somebody that IDOT hires, and the comparable sales method is used to determine value of property that we need to purchase from an owner. And then the owner gets a chance to provide input on that appraisal as well. And the compensation can include damages to the remainder of the property also, if you know if we're buying a section of somebody's property and that may diminish the remaining value of the rest of their property that's looked at in the appraisal. And to answer the public question. Yes, building, building removals, structures, and one of them was a concrete pad are considered in the appraisal fences, things like that, you know, if they're owned by the property owner. That's all looked at as part of the appraisal. And there are some times various ways, those can be handled typically we want the

property owner. Take care of moving the stuff, and we pay for it. We don't want to usually do it with our contractors but that's a decision that gets made further down the road when land acquisition is underway. And then we've got a whole section of staff, a land acquisition section that deals specifically with this and they would be the ones contacting property owners, about purchasing right of way, or easements of any sort also. There was there was some question about whether that property that I'd advise is still taxed. We, the department purchases things, typically fee symbol they call it. IDOT becomes the owner, they would not be part of the taxable property of the previous owner. And I wanted to mention eminent domain has come up a couple of times. eminent domain, I think I was asked, is IDOT using eminent domain. It's a tool that can be used if an agreement can be reached. It's not a method that we go immediately to ever. It's not something that, that the department wants to do. But if we need to acquire property for a project, and a, an agreement on the compensation can't be reached. Then eminent domain is a tool that allows that to go to court and the compensation be determined in court. If the department and the property owner just can't reach an agreement that would be only after all the possible negotiation processes are so exhausted that we would use that tool. I mentioned the proposed improvements real quick I don't want to take up all of your time tonight and all this again is on the website. But the main focus of the project is to reconstruct the interchange itself. And the preferred alternative is a single point urban interchange. So it's a smaller footprint interchange that has kind of longer ramps that run close to the Interstate and brings all those ramps together in one intersection so that's the single point of the single point urban interchange. The alignments shifting over to the east to reduce some of the impacts with Mount Calvary cemetery. That also helps out with some of the residences on the west side as well. Looking at reconstructing the Interstate 57 pavement and reconstructing the Illinois 17 pavement. No expansion of 17 is proposed at this point so the lane configuration would be similar, other than additional turn lanes at the interchange itself. Maintaining or upgrading existing traffic signals. There are no new proposed locations. The two ramp locations that are there now would be consolidated to one signal relocating Eastridge Drive to the east, and having two (*inaudible*) there, there would also be a North (*inaudible*) that would be basically a replacement

of grass lane drive. Because the proposed ramps would encroach on to where crest lane is right now. Replacement of the Waldron road structure, and there's a railroad structure, the KVNf railroad over 57 is well would be required and then various retaining walls along some of those ramps, and the other bridges, and then there are some potential noise walls that are shown in the exhibits on the website, those walls have passed some cost and function tests but there's still a process to reach out to the property owners and those who would be benefited by the walls and get their input on whether they do or don't want a wall, basically, to ask, do you want this wall in your backyard. That gets taken into consideration and if a majority of the folks that respond do not want a wall then it's not built. This is a Federal Highway Administration process that you know that we follow. They call it solicitation of input would take place during the Phase 2 design. We want that to be further down the road so that property owners aren't changing after we've asked and I know some of you probably some of the people listening probably received a questionnaire in the past, and even since that one, our noise analysis process has changed so we had to move on. I want to mention Hammes Avenue was part of our plan, was to close off Hammes Avenue at Route 17, that is happening because of the signage project earlier but it was something that was going to be proposed because by the IDOT project because of how close it is to the interchange. Alright. That's I'll stop on the proposed improvements. I just wanted to mention on the back to the public involvement. Comment sheets please fill out the comment sheet send them to us. My contact information is on the project site you can email, just ask that if you don't send out an actual comment she do give me the information that it asks for. Give me your address and stuff so I can respond to you. We mentioned the timeline we're officially taking the comments to October 31st if stuff comes in. After that, I'll be responding to you, and we'll continue to work back and forth with interested residents, property owners, citizens, you know, until we answered your questions. So it's not that we'll stop responding at any point. And that really helps us out. So the project website is www.idot.illinois.gov/projects/I57-interchange-at-il17 I apologize that that's so long but I'm required to use this website so that's the address that we get. That was all I had that I wanted to talk about unless you have something else you want to know.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: I just want to bring to the attention of the city council they Neil put the website in the chat box for you. Neil and you can just make sure you get that to Jasmyn as well. Then Jasmyn can share it. Okay, Reeves, I don't want to leave you out. Do you have anything that you wanted to add?

REEVES: No, ma'am. I think, Dave, my boss he did an excellent job.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Thank you, very good. City Council Did you have any questions for Dave. Anybody? Alderman Crawford?

ALD CRAWFORD: Thank you Mayor. So Dave were looking at I believe you said that at the earliest possibility of them starting construction would be somewhere around two or three years? Is that a feasible timeline or is probably a little longer than that?

DAVE ALEXANDER: That would be the earliest feasible. If the phone rang tomorrow and somebody said everything is funded.

ALD CRAWFORD: Gotcha.

DAVE ALEXANDER: So the way that we'll proceed right now the design is funded so they'll start working on that but they won't be able to begin any land acquisition. So it just depends. You know when funding would be identified.

ALD CRAWFORD: Thank you.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Okay, thank you both Dave and Reeves. Have a good evening. The public can submit their comments directly to IDOT, all those comments that are submitted will be answered. So if you have any comments or questions, please submit to IDOT. The city will get the link posted on our social media, Facebook, maybe we can even put out a press release or something but we'll make sure that we have it on our site as well. Okay. All right, thank you both have a good evening.

DAVE ALEXANDER: Thank you.

REEVES: Thank you.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Okay, we'll go back to Item 7 on the agenda Petitions.

PETITIONS

ITEM 7A:

Ordinance Extending A Conditional Use Permit to Immanuel Baptist Church to Operate a Temporary Emergency Shelter at 1300 West Hawkins Street in the City of Kankakee.

MIKE HOFFMAN:

Thank you Mayor, as the Council I'm sure remembers early last year we approved a conditional use for Immanuel Baptist Church to operate at temporary shelter was born. At that time it was done for six months, we wanted to see how it was going to work, and operate. We had some meetings, everybody was comfortable with how it was operating in September of last year we then continued it and allowed it to continue for another year. I asked them to come back again and renew that conditional use. We are at that year point. They are hoping to be able to start operating around November 1st and so it is timely to renew this conditional use to allow them to operate the PADS facility there at Immanuel Baptist Church.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: I need a motion to suspend the rules that interfere with the passing of the ordinance?

ALD OSENGA: So move Mayor.

ALD CRAWFORD: Second.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Motioned by Alderman Osenga and Seconded by Alderman Crawford. Roll Call please.

CLERK DUMAS: **AYES:** Tetter, Brown, Curtis, Cobbs, Lewis, Tall, Swanson, Crawford, Osenga, O'Brien, Gall, Malone Marshall, Prude
ABSENT: Faford (*missed Roll Call at this time*)
(13) Ayes (0) Nays (1) Absent

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Motion carries. May I have a motion to place the ordinance on final passage?

ALD OSENGA: So move Mayor.

ALD CRAWFORD: I'll second.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Motioned by Alderman Osenga and Seconded by Alderman Crawford. Any discussion? Alderman Osenga?

ALD OSENGA: Yes, Mayor Thank you. As I was looking at this, this afternoon. Under Section 2 Item 3 is that the facility may only operate on Friday and Saturday nights, which school is in session. I think that should say when school is not in session. Because, Alderman Crawford and I had some concerns about the facility being so close to the school the grade school there. So I think we just need to add the word, not, not in session.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: So, are you making it a motion to amend?

ALD OSENGA: Yes.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Hoffman, go ahead.

MIKE HOFFMAN: Yeah, it was actually written this way, meaning that you know normally the pads is going to operate when school is going on and so we wanted them to be on Friday or Saturday night so it wasn't conflicting with the operation of the school. If you said that it was when school was not in session could only operate in the summer, which I don't think was the intent.

ALD OSENGA: Okay. Maybe I'm a little confused here. I was talking about the school down the street I believe it might be Taft School because we had some concerns about not checking any criminal histories on the people that were staying here and there was some, some discussion about a possible say if something were to be a sex offender. They can't be in that close proximity of a school, so I wasn't thinking the school there I was thinking, school down the street.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: So what are you wanting to do? Are we leaving it the same as it is written?

ALD OSENGA: Well, I guess, looking for guidance from Mike there what his thoughts are.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: The way the way it was operating under for last year Correct?

MIKE HOFFMAN: Yes.

ALD CRAWFORD: I got a question, Mike,

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Alderman Crawford?

ALD CRAWFORD: Thank you so the way that it's basically written, they're going to be able to operate. During the month school or around not during the hours that the kids are in school, correct?

MIKE HOFFMAN: That's exactly correct yes.

ALD CRAWFORD: Okay. That's what I thought. Okay, Thank you. Are you okay Larry with leaving it the way it is?

ALD OSENGA: Yes, I'm fine. I was a little confused here, apparently, that's fine.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Okay, so we have a motion and a second on the floor, any discussion? Okay Roll Call.

CLERK DUMAS: **AYES:** Tetter, Brown, Curtis, Cobbs, Lewis, Tall, Faford, Swanson, Crawford, Osenga, O'Brien, Gall, Malone Marshall, Prude
(14) Ayes (0) Nays

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Motion carries. Moving on to Item 7B

ITEM 7B: PB2020-5-1 Ordinance Issuing a Conditional Use Permit for an Adult-Use Cannabis Craft Grower and Transporter Facility in the I-1 Zoning District at 1310 North Hobbie Avenue in the City of Kankakee, Illinois.

MIKE HOFFMAN: As the council knows we've had lots of people have expressed interest in operating adult cannabis business, they need to get zoning approval from the state to be able to do that obviously to get a license from the state as well. We had an application here at the corner of northeast corner of Hobbie and Brookmont for such an operation. The commission called the Planning Board held a public hearing on this in May, at that point two things were requested. One was the conditional use but another was for a variance we've got setback requirements in our code or setback from residential rezone property. This is kitty corner to a cemetery which is residentially zoned. I don't think that was the intent of the setback, the setback from a cemetery. The Planning Board agreed with that. So they granted the variation from the setback requirement. So now we're here to approve a conditional use for this project,

including several conditions that there wouldn't be any odors, that were admitted outside the building that they would obtain a craft grower and transported license from the state of Illinois, that they would apply for and receive an adult use cannabis business permit from the city of Kankakee, and that they would submit a site plan for Google by the city's for those petitions are included in your ordinance that you're looking at tonight. Took the Planning Board did recommend approval with those conditions.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: May I have a motion to suspend the rules that will interfere with the path to the ordinance. Alderman Tetter?

ALD TETTER: So move your honor.

ALD BROWN: I will second.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Motioned by Alderman Tetter and Seconded by Alderman Brown. Roll Call please.

CLERK DUMAS: **AYES:** Tetter, Brown, Curtis, Cobbs, Lewis, Tall, Faford, Swanson, Crawford, Osenga, O'Brien, Gall, Malone Marshall, Prude
(14) Ayes (0) Nays

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Motion carries. May I have a motion to place the ordinance on final passage?

ALD TETTER: So move your honor.

ALD BROWN: I'll second again.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Motioned by Alderman Tetter and Seconded by Alderman Brown. Any discussion on this item? Alderman Curtis?

ALD CURTIS: Mr. Hoffman, who's the petitioner on this? I'm reading the notes here. This is the property that is the former Panozzo Florist Fruit Stand, correct?

MIKE HOFFMAN: It is. They were actually...

ALD CURTIS: It says Mr. Alexander in the notes under B. So who's the petitioner?

MIKE HOFFMAN: It is not Mr. Alexander, that's incorrect. It is Baumgardner and John Panozzo Produce with a co applicants along with Cannabis Craft Growers and Transporter Illinois Cannabis Group, LLC.

ALD CURTIS: Just for the record in the ordinance if you look under B references and Mr. Alexander, I think that's a mistake there.

MIKE HOFFMAN: That is correct, it's, it's wrong. We can correct that.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Thank you. Alderman Osenga?

ALD OSENGA: Yes, thank you. Does Mr. Baumgartner have a facility on South Schuyler already or is that somebody else like 700 South Schuyler?

MIKE HOFFMAN: He does that is for hemp though, it's not for cannabis recreational marijuana it's just for the production indoor.

ALD OSENGA: Thank you.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Okay, we will do a Roll Call.

CLERK DUMAS: **AYES:** Tetter, Brown, Curtis, Cobbs, Lewis, Tall, Faford, Swanson, Crawford, Osenga, O'Brien, Gall, Malone Marshall, Prude
(14) Ayes (0) Nays

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Motion carries. Moving back to Item 8B Communications.

COMMUNICATIONS *(continued)*

ITEM 8B: Kankakee Police Department is Requesting Street Closure of East Oak Street from North Indiana Avenue to North Dearborn Avenue to Host the "Annual Trunk Or Treat" on Friday, October 30th, 2020, from 4:00 P.M. until 7:00 P.M.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: May I have a motion to approve please?

ALD BROWN: I so move.

ALD COBBS: I second the motion.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Motioned by Alderman Brown and Seconded by Alderman Cobbs. Any discussion on either of this items? Okay, all in favor,

COUNCIL: Aye.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Opposed same sign? Motion carries. Moving on to Item 9 Standing Committee Reports. License & Franchise Alderman Curtis?

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

ALD CURTIS: Actually Mayor, Alderman Crawford ran the meeting. There is an error in the minutes it should be October 5th not September 10th.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: October 5th?

ALD CURTIS: Correct.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Alderman Crawford, you submitted minutes for October 5th?

ALD CRAWFORD: Yes, ma'am.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Okay, you have the floor.

ITEM 9A: License & Franchise – Alderman Crawford
The meeting was held on Thursday, September 10th, 2020
Highlights include: October 5 we did have a quorum. We had four people there. We had one thing on the agenda we talked about the state licensing for possible possibility for bars and restaurants to serve to go liquor and the motion was made to go ahead and accept the state ordinance by Alderman O'Brien and seconded by Alderman Faford, and to move to pass on to City Council for approval. The meeting started at 5:30 P.M. and meeting adjourned at 5:45 P.M.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Alderman Crawford, did you all send anything over to legal?

ALD CRAWFORD: I don't believe we did. I think we just sent it to the Clerk's Office and possibly I think maybe your office. I know we sent it to the clerk's office. So did it just go to the Clerk's Office, Alderman Curtis?

ALD CURTIS: Those were just submitted to the Clerk's Office on Thursday.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: So it was the desire of the committee, to incorporate to go Liquor. So the legal department needs to draft something, Correct?

ALD CRAWFORD: Well, it was an ordinance that the liquor ordinance set for JB Pritzker our Governor during COVID-19 amended to let bars and restaurants go ahead and serve to go containers that had to be airtight and sealed. For example for like Margarita, or slushy drinks. They could take them home in also both Bradley and Bourbonnais have also adopted it. So, we would just have to adopt that the way that I read it. We would only have to adopt what JB Pritzker, the Governor did for COVID-19.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: I'm just trying to figure out the disconnect with communication. So the committee wants to move forward but it has not been adopted by the full city council it hadn't come before the city council, correctly?

ALD CRAWFORD: It does have to come to City Council, correct.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: So then legally needs to draft the ordinance off the model from the Governor, right Mike McGrath?

MIKE MCGRATH: Other towns have done it Mayor. It's based upon the Governor's executive order, it would go before the city council, give you direction as Liquor Commissioner. We have to draft up an ordinance, allowing it during the COVID period.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Again, I asked the committee's that you can send information to me so I know what you know so I can stay up to date on what's going on with the desire of the committee. So it has to go before the city council I haven't seen anything yet so I need somebody to send it to me and then legal needs to look at it as well. If you guys could do that. That'd be great. Moving on to Item 9B.

ITEM 9B: Ordinance – Alderman Tall
The meeting was held on Tuesday, September 22nd, 2020
Highlights include: There was an ordinance amending the municipal code of the city of Kankakee Illinois, entitled chapter six dangerous animals, it was forwarded to our public safety, and to the code committee for their input. Also, under old business we talked about the multiple

dwelling units security cameras content legal to see where we're at with that it's been about a year and a half. Also, goes proposal for Protection of the Employees Freedom of Expression, there was no action on that. Under new business we passed two honorary street sign ordinances, which we passed at City Council, at the last meeting. Under new business, we talked about the Responsible Bidders Ordinance which will be on our next agenda for October 22nd, and also the decision to amend Article 8 entitled Annual Motor Vehicles Sticker Tax Ordinance will also be on October 27th agenda. That was all for the meeting that night. We adjourned at 6:02 P.M.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Moving on to Community Development. Alderwoman Swanson?

ALD SWANSON: I would like to defer to Alderman Curtis. He ran the meeting, as the vice chair because I was out of town.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Okay, thank you Alderwoman Swanson. Alderman Curtis you have the floor.

ITEM 9C: Community Development – Alderman Curtis
The meeting was held on Monday, October 5th, 2020
We didn't have a quorum that night. We passed minutes on the preview, I take that back. I didn't have the minutes for previous meetings so we did not pass that so we made the motion to table it to the next meeting. We received the Director's Report, our Rachel Schramm presented the events that happened in September. There were several successful pop up parties they assisted in getting an additional 17 people during those parties signed up for the census which took the total number to 54. They also had those events they handed out lead abatement information, signed up people for emails. They also had the 55 stakeholder interviews at the East River Walk and had about 55 people attend a community presentation at night, and they received several feedbacks good feedback and data from that Strong Neighborhood Community conversations that partnered with United Way, they had a meeting there were about 13, people attended those events. The census has yard signs in the community and are advertised with the chamber and they presented several social media website promotions things of that nature, also a lot of upcoming dates for October and workshops that happened. At that time it was mentioned about that they

were pushing for the census to October 31st that was before the due date came down. But they were pushing for that date. Alderman Tetter did ask for the census count at that date and if there was a point of contact. It could be provided for that of people going door to door, and Brewer-Watson says she would get that information to him. Alderman Tall asked about a meeting on September 30th, which would have been had, and the participants been slated and agenda put out. Brewer-Watson stated that board members have not been slated and that the agenda was posted. The members have will need to be appointed by the City Council, they're currently going through some training, and the resumes and stuff will be sent submitted to Council for approval, in the future. Alderman Prude asked if each ward has a representation on this? It was replied that nobody's been approved yet but so far each ward does have representation except for 2nd and 5th Wards. However, there are several new applications that come in may fill those gaps. Again, I've mentioned this a little bit earlier Barbie commented at the state of California was leading the charge to challenge extend a census to October 31st, and the city will keep working through that time, obviously the date has shortened up until last week. A map was presented that shows the work that's being done in the community by the ward, and they're working on making it an interactive map that would be placed on a web site. Some projects are slower right now due to material shortages lumber window that are delayed for delivery and that's just that's across everywhere that's happening right now. An update was given at 68 application for the single family rehab program have been received with 28 completed in 2019 and two since May of 20. The single family rehab had 16 applications with one completed and zero since May, the Lead CRO program has had 108 applications with eight are in process, 32 completed in need since May 2020. The Homeless Accessibility Program has 11 applications with one completed. And the APP update was there is still about \$20,000 still available to spend there. The Homebuyers Program is in its last round the \$50,000 amount there. There's still \$47,500 available as of our meeting and it was also expected an additional \$200,000 may come in through the cares act with the existing \$80,000 for public services. Brewer-Watson then talked about some old business. A Strong Neighborhood Home is progressing with improvements, waiting on the Archer grant applications. Cameras are being installed but they're waiting on the

outside cameras which are on backorder, hopefully will be done soon. Going through the Bounce Back application for residents there's still a lot of missing paperwork. The biggest problem is several people claim that they were unable to be employed because of the COVID, but it's coming back to them. That wasn't the reason that the job was available for them people just choose to leave voluntarily so that does not fit the criteria for assistance. They're looking at different things that can be tweaked and altered to help get the money out. There's a homeless tax force that met on September 3rd. They're right now currently meeting with stakeholders an area of their team visited Rockford to learn more. The next meeting is October 30th. I myself asked at the meeting was open to the public and right now, just trying to understand which social agencies are getting funding and working for homelessness and public and will be invited once they under have an understanding of who's getting services, who's giving services, and who's getting funding. Under new business, they're receiving care I'm sorry receiving around the cares act about \$163,000 and instructions for residential assistance and more details that have come. Working with the Administrator's office is the Controller's offices to seek reimbursement for expenses that were incurred due to COVID 19, March, April and June and completed so far. They have applied for Strong Communities Grant on September 28th in the amount of \$250,000, which would be for demo and acquisition of high tax properties. The camera development program was talked about that night with First Trust donating \$2500, Alderman Crawford, Alderman Curtis pledging \$500 each and another business and individual contributing another \$1500. At the time of the meeting. There was talked about that paperwork is getting to legal and researched as quickly as possible about how to get these about more discussions are occurred the public safety committee meeting, additional research is being done for childcare needs. Currently there is some home inspection training going on. And the ECDA will be attending a Virtual Housing Conference later this month. There was no executive session and the meeting adjourned at 6:47 P.M.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Thank you. Okay. Moving on to Item 10A Reports of Officers.

REPORT OF OFFICERS

ITEM 10A: City of Kankakee - \$173,388.31

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: May I have a motion to accept the Reports of Officers?

ALD FAFORD: I move we accept the report of officers placed the money in the proper accounts and approve the bills in the amount of \$173,388.31.

ALD LEWIS: Second.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Motioned by Alderman Faford and Seconded by Alderwoman Lewis. Any discussion on any of the bills? Alderman Curtis?

ALD CURTIS: Thank you. Couple of them here. The Huff & Huff, I believe it's check number 3050 for \$4,330.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Elizabeth that was something with South Schuyler Avenue correct?

ELIZABETH KUBAL: Right, Neil, do you say is it Pisa, that Pisa work?

NEIL PIGGUSH: Yeah I talked about that in a previous, I think it was about two meetings ago it was for the preliminary environmental site assessment that IDOT know requiring on the city's portion itself Schuyler since we are applying for federal funds. There were previous uses along the route that they wanted to ensure were not going to be contaminated soil so we had to do a Pisa.

ALD CURTIS: And the other one was Quadrant Finance for \$1000 check number 77003. It seems like a new one to me.

ELIZABETH KUBAL: Yeah, that's our postage machine. Yeah, it changed names.

ALD CURTIS: It just look like a new one.

ELIZABETH KUBAL: Yeah, I'm not used to it either.

ALD CURTIS: Windy City Ice Cream check number 77018 for \$835.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: That was employee appreciation that was set up through our HR department.

ALD CURTIS: The other check, Melanie Villa-Gomez (*inaudible*) for \$2000.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: She's the intern under the Office of the Mayor being paid by the Census grant.

ALD CURTIS: Thank you.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: You're welcome. Alderman Osenga, Did you have a question.

ALD OSENGA: Yes, Mayor Thank you. Check number 77006 Ron Merit \$500.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: That was a vehicle seizure refund.

ALD OSENGA: Okay, thank you.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: You're welcome. Anybody else? Okay, we will go to a Roll Call vote.

CLERK DUMAS: **AYES:** Tetter, Brown, Curtis, Cobbs, Lewis, Faford, Swanson, Osenga, O'Brien (*abstain on check# 76987,*) Gall (*abstain on check#'s 77001 and 1211*), Malone Marshall, Prude
NAYS: Tall, Crawford
(12) Ayes (2) Nays

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Motion carries. Moving on to Item 10B.

ITEM 10B: Community Development Agency - \$18,845.33

ALD SWANSON: I would like to make a motion to pay the bills for CDA in the amount of \$18,845.33.

ALD TETTER: Second your honor.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Motioned by Alderwoman Swanson and Seconded by Alderman Tetter. Any discussion on those bills? Okay, Roll Call please.

CLERK DUMAS: **AYES:** Tetter, Brown, Curtis, Cobbs, Lewis, Tall, Faford, Swanson, Crawford, Osenga, O'Brien, Gall, Malone Marshall, Prude
(14) Ayes (0) Nays

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Motion carries. Moving on to Item 11A Unfinished Business.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

ITEM 11A: Ordinance Amending Chapter 2 (Compensation for Mayor, City Clerk, and Alderman of the Municipal Code of the City of Kankakee, Illinois.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: We pulled this off and has some detailed discussions in Budget Committee. Looking to work more efficiently. I just want to be clear that the state law does not allow the council to get to increase salaries. So decisions being made regarding the salary ordinance do not affect anyone that is currently in office. These changes will go into effect May of 2021 for whoever's here during that time. Again, we are looking to work more efficiently. Worked with the budget committee, thank you Alderman O'Brien and Alderman Brown for your leadership. The key changes in the ordinance is that it's making the Clerk and Mayor full time to adapt to the needs of the offices and the changes as a result of those positions. They are no base salary increases. And also, the council discussed at length, the stipends for certain committee chairs, I think that included budget, public safety, license & franchise and DPW which we don't really even have a DPW committee. They wanted to remove those, those were \$1,000. And though those are being removed and the stipends under the clerk, that were for the FOIA's are being handled by In-house Counsel or Corporation Counsel, and then Safety Committee that has to be handled by the HR Director. So in essence, this is looking to make most of those coverage, more efficiency, and it's also saving taxpayers money. May I have a motion to suspend the rules that will interfere with the passage of the ordinance?

ALD BROWN: I make that motion that we suspend the rules.

ALD LEWIS: Second.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Motioned by Alderman Brown and Seconded by Alderwoman Lewis. Okay, Roll Call please.

CLERK DUMAS: **AYES:** Tetter, Brown, Curtis, Cobbs, Lewis, Tall, Faford, Swanson, Crawford, Osenga, O'Brien, Gall, Malone Marshall, Prude

(14) Ayes (0) Nays

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Motion carries. May I have a motion to place the ordinance on final passage?

ALD BROWN: So move.

ALD LEWIS: Second.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Motioned by Alderman Brown and Seconded by Alderwoman Lewis. Any discussion? Okay, Roll Call please.

CLERK DUMAS: **AYES:** Tetter, Brown, Curtis, Cobbs, Lewis, Tall, Faford, Swanson, Crawford, Osenga, O'Brien, Gall, Malone Marshall, Prude
(14) Ayes (0) Nays

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Motion carries. Moving on to New Business Item 12A we have none. Item 12B we have no appointments. Moving on to Item 13A Motions and Resolutions.

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

ITEM 13A: Re-Proclamation of Declaration of Local State of Emergency (*Information Only*).

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: It was included in the council packet. We are still in Phase 4 on the Restore Illinois Plan. I do want to give you guys an update that the Governor did contact the office today and he called for a meeting with the Mayor's tomorrow. Our case positivity rate has been increasing. So, I will update you once I know what's going on tomorrow. So that's in the packet so your information.

ITEM 13B: Resolution of Support and Commitment of Local Funds for the Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program (ITEP) Grant for the Riverfront Trail Phase IIIA Project, Section No. 18-00276-02-BT

NEIL PIGGUSH: Thank you Mayor. This is the city's resolution and commitment of support of commitment to local funds for the ITEP grant application. The total amount we are going to be the total amount is \$480,000 and 80% of that will be funded through the grant if the city's application is successful that is for the balance of Phase 1 engineering,

and all of Phase 2 engineering for the Riverfront Trail. Phase 3A which connects from the existing pedestrian and bicycle bridge over the river head south along the East River bank through Park District's Fisherman's Park there. And then it will come up over Soldier Creek, the bridge over Soldier Creek, and then dive down with a switchback ramp under the (*inaudible*). And then on the south side of the bridge, it will connect them with the existing abutment and continue along the East River and connect them with Station Street. There's quite a few things that kind of arose during Phase 1 engineering. So rather than apply for construction dollars, we feel it's the best interest of the city from a time and dollar standpoint to just apply for the balance of the engineering funds at this time so we can get a better handle on construction costs, before we apply for construction knowledge.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: May I have a motion to approve the Resolution?

ALD LEWIS: So move Mayor.

ALD TETTER: Second.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Motion made by Alderwoman Lewis and Seconded by Alderman Tetter. Any discussion? Alderman Osenga?

ALD OSENGA: Thank you Mayor, how much money's going to be allocated towards this what's the percentage of MFT and TIF funds?

NEIL PIGGUSH: So, the total would be \$96,000 over probably the next 2 ½ years. Because that's probably how long it's going to take to expend all this money.

ALD OSENGA: So, we don't know how much MFT money it's going to be?

NEIL PIGGUSH: Well I'm telling you the total amount of the total city match is \$96,000 we haven't determined whether or not it's coming from MFT or some other funding source or capital. So that hasn't been determined we just kind of put both in the resolution to keep it open so the city had some flexibility going forward.

ALD OSENGA: Alright, thank you.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Thank you Alderman Osenga. Alderman Curtis?

ALD CURTIS:

Thank you. The first ITEP that we receive \$80,000 for engineering and that one and has that been spent, or allocated for preliminary engineering so far?

NEIL PIGGUSH:

It has. They did soil borings they did a preliminary hydraulic model for whatever reason IDOT did not require a hydraulic study when they did the bridge across the river but now that we are doing one over Soldier Creek they are. So we have done the PISA, as well as, v3 but the three companies out of the Northwest suburbs is the consulting firm on this one. They've done the hydraulic study the geotech preliminary planning profile and the PISA for this project and submitted the environmental survey requests as well. So those are the items that have been completed thus far. There will be a bridge design and many other things that will have to be involved in this, including Section 4 clearance railroad coordination, we will have wetland impacts on this project so there's a multitude of environmental and permitting issues that will have to be flushed out when we get further into the design.

ALD CURTIS:

So, this money here and if we were to receive the \$480,000 will be for who just completed all the engineering so that the next time as you begin?

NEIL PIGGUSH:

Correct. We will be at the end of this term we would be theoretically shovel ready. We only need a couple of easements well 2 easements from the park district everything else is on city property. They have been sent this alignments for the proposed path. So they're kind of been kept abreast of the project status, so this would get us shovel ready to letting, correct.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Any other discussion?

NEIL PIGGUSH:

Mayor if I can chime in one more time. Theoretically, we would be hopefully timing out to apply to the next ITEP cycle they've been kind of happening every two to three years so our goal would be to have this ready to go. So, the next ITEP cycle we could apply for construction now much for this.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Thank you Neil. Okay Roll Call.

CLERK DUMAS:

AYES: Tetter, Brown, Curtis, Cobbs, Lewis, Tall, Faford, Swanson, Crawford, Osenga, O'Brien, Gall,

Malone Marshall, Prude
(14) Ayes (0) Nays

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Motion carries. Moving on to Item 13C.

ITEM 13C: Resolution of Support and Commitment of Local Funds for the Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program (ITEP) Grant for the Riverfront Trail Phase IIIA Project, Section No. 20-00285-00-ST

NEIL PIGGUSH: Thank you Mayor. This is the city's resolution support and commitment of funds for the other ITEP application we were authorized to apply for back in early September, this total project amount for the construction and construction engineering will be 1.26 5 million. The city's required 20% match would be around \$253,000, and the grant amount we're requesting is just over \$1 million. The plan or the project development report is about approved by IDOT, we did do a traffic study at the intersection of River Street per IDOT's request. Because we are eliminating a northbound lane across the bridge. They actually concurred with our findings that the slight reduction in the level of service to going through that intersection will be counteracted by the safety of doing two dedicated (*inaudible*) one facing north and one facing south because of the awkward merge as you go through the reverse street intersection. So we feel that this is going to greatly enhance safety along this route by eliminating uncertainty as you go through the intersection. So this project includes milling and resurfacing all of Schuyler Avenue down to the bridge and then through the Water Street intersection south of the bridge curb and striping improvements landscape improvements as well so miners signal modifications at the River Street intersection.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: May I have a motion to accept the resolution?

ALD O'BRIEN: So move.

ALD MALONE MARSHALL: Second.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Motioned by Alderman O'Brien and Seconded by Alderwoman Malone Marshall. Any discussion on these items. Hearing none, Roll Call please

CLERK DUMAS: **AYES:** Tetter, Brown, Curtis, Cobbs, Lewis, Tall, Faford, Swanson, Crawford, Osenga, O'Brien, Gall,

Malone Marshall, Prude
(14) Ayes (0) Nays

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Motion carries. Item 14 there is no need for an Executive Session. Item 15, there's no action. Item 16 City Council Comments starting with Alderman Crawford.

ALDERMEN & ALDERWOMAN COMMENTS

ALD CRAWFORD: Thank you Mayor. Yes, I did have one comment. Probably to Elizabeth. I had to leave the budget meeting a letter, a little early on Tuesday and I was just wondering where we were at on our bonding process.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: I will have Elizabeth give an update when I get to Department Heads.

ALD CRAWFORD: Thank you.

ALD O'BRIEN: Thank you Mayor. I just want to commend the school district and the city in the United Way and all the organizations that participated in the strong neighborhood block party for the house that we all partner on over the weekend. It was a great success. A lot of students from the high school are there and others. So thank you, I think we're onto something really good here. Thank you.

ALD MALONE MARSHALL: Thank you Madam Mayor, I just want to say that we're going to have a cleanup on Saturday, the 24th, and the rain date will be the 31st, if it rains, but we'll be starting at 9:00A.M. to 1:00P.M. meeting at Auto Lab. Everybody's welcome to clean with us or they can clean and they own area just send me some pictures. Thank you.

ALD OSENGA: Thank you Mayor, I was just wondering if we have any updates on the Ricky Rockets project.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Okay, I'll get to that. Alderman Tall?

ALD TALL: Yes, I have a couple of things. First was to legal department to Mike McGrath, I sent an email out on October 6th, asking for a legal update. I received your email back on October 13th, saying that we were close. Just wondering where we're at with that and then the other one was the Mary Lou Norwell contract for her. We'd like to have an update on that.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Okay. Mike I will get to you in at department head update. Okay, Aldermen Brown.

ALD BROWN: Just want to thank the people from IDOT for coming to Mary Crest on late Friday afternoon to address the neighbors concern. They did a very good job and again just wanted to thank him for doing that.

ALD TETTER: Thank you, Your Honor, I just want to make mention to, I don't know if it would be Neil, probably, Neil. With the closure of the 100 block of North Hammes noticed a considerable increase in traffic there on East Oak. There are children there and it is a residential area. I would like for us to consider putting a stop sign at the intersection of St Joseph's and Oak Street for safety. Secondly, we will have an Economic Development meeting, this Thursday at 5:30 P.M. We'll let the committee know if we'll be doing that on Zoom. Well, I would, I would say plan on us doing it on Zoom. And that's it, your honor. Thank you.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Okay, thank you. Alright, moving on to the Department Heads, we will start with Chief Kosman.

DEPARTMENT HEAD COMMENTS

CHIEF KOSMAN: Good evening Mayor, members of the Council. Thank you. I just saw a couple things. We're taking we're accepting applications now for a police officer, because our list expires in beginning of January so we're given a test. So we're taking applications until November 4th, and we'll have our actual test written test and power test on at the high school on November 21st. We also have the ability to close the streets. We are having our Trunk or Treat, which is going to be an October 30th from 5:00P.M. to 7:00P.M. It's going to be modified this year because COVID-19. It will be a drive thru but we're still going to have the event.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Chief, is it 4:00P.M. to 7:00P.M. which is what the council approved?

CHIEF KOSMAN: I think its 5:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M. and I've seen it was I think 4:00P.M. to 7:00P.M. might be to close the street down beforehand. That's for closing the streets.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: So 5:00P.M. to 7:00P.M.

CHIEF KOSMAN:

Yes. And then I just want to applaud our community response unit for over the weekend they made a request that they made they made three stops, which ended on the rest of four subjects for different weapons offenses, including one of it being a stolen gun and four guns being recovered over the weekend.

BARBIE BREWER-WATSON:

Thank you Mayor it for. I mean we've talked about the census for so long, but it is officially over there are a couple of lawsuits that are still taking place in the courts for the next couple of weeks but for the most part, the count is over. So just to let you know that. Cameras, I sent last week to the older person, email, the documents to be reviewed, I got one person who sent me feedback so I don't know if everybody's checking email or maybe it's just not getting to you but I'm going to send it again, because I know so much of so many of you wanted to make comments. It's also in legal review they've been reviewing that as well. So we're really close to having this done so that we can get this up and running. And really, that's it for me tonight. I mean you guys know we have tons of projects in the works and we're still moving forward. Thank you

MIKE HOFFMAN:

Thank you Mayor. We have a planning board meeting tomorrow night two continued items that the board will be discussing. One is a rezoning at 927 Hobbie from residential to commercial, and a conditional use request to operate hand car washing and detailing business as well as a tire business at that location. The other case will be a public continued public hearing on an amendment to the zoning code to incorporate the design guidelines that we did for downtown, as well as, integrating site plan review into the zoning code. It will be tomorrow night council chambers and it will also be televised on the city's website. Thank you.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Pete can you address the contract?

PETE SCHIEL:

You know we have a deadline to get the issue packet. In, James was taking some time off. We did receive it this morning so game plan is, we'll go ahead and put it on the next ESU agenda.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Can you send it out to the City Council members tomorrow so they have it in advance and that way they can

have some time to review?

PETE SCHIEL: Sounds good. James video one that you submitted is the one that we can go ahead and send out, correct?

JAMES ELLEXSON: Yep. That is correct.

PETE SCHIEL: Sounds good. Thanks.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Alderman Tall, I know your screen is off but Pete will send that out to you that tomorrow. Thank Pete. Tomora?

TOMORA NELSON: Hello, thanks Mayor. I don't have anything but there's a couple businesses that's going on that. That's not legal that I'm investigating and we're trying to figure it out and make sure we they follow the ordinances, so that's really just about it. Thank you.

JAMES ELLEXSON: Thank you Mayor, just a reminder that we are doing flu shots this Thursday and Friday the 22nd and 23rd in the Administration building. If you didn't sign up and are still interested they're going to bring extra and there are spots available, extra vaccines, so just let me know if you'd like to come. Thanks.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: And this is available to family members as well as?

JAMES ELLEXSON: Available for the family members as well at \$25, I had employees and Councilman. City officials are obviously covered.

ELIZABETH KUBAL: Thank you Mayor. Alderman Crawford the bond update. Last Wednesday, we had a bond rating call for the issue. Those are rated separately there's different analysts for ESU and for the geo bonds, that call went very well. Mayor, Pete, Burt, and I all participate among other people who you know city the underwriter and such. I went very well I was very happy with our team effort we will get those that rating the end of the month, this Wednesday we have our rating call on the geo side. That team will consist of a little bit different. We'll have Chairman O'Brien on that call, Mayor, myself, Burt and similar people after that. but we had a wonderful presentation that once it's finalized I will share with the budget committee and any Alderperson who wants to see it. We're still working on finalizing that right now. But it went very well lots of information shared

and lots of wonderful updates we really had to give it as far as economic development, the increasing EAV and just a lot different of a picture than what we've had before. Thank you.

NEIL PIGGUSH:

Thank you Mayor. I just a couple of quick updates on projects that are in progress here as everyone's probably seen the Safe Routes to School project is well underway. I want to give a huge shout out to Dave Reardon and Kankakee Valley Construction for stepping up to the plate and taking this project on and committing to the original timeframe in the new agreement, they've really gone out there gangbusters and it's going really well. The Gateway signage as well as going well. They've got the curb and asphalt patch back on the streets, the sidewalks poured so the, they're going to be working on the same foundation here shortly. The alley project, just off of Jeffrey is supposed to be getting underway this week we've been waiting on Nicor to run new gas main and reconnect services to the new main before they abandoned the old one, so we can cut it, or they can cut it and get it out of our way of... our new storm sewer so that'll be probably starting on Wednesday of this week. It shouldn't last long I'm hoping only a couple of weeks to finish that project up. And then, South Schuyler as I mentioned earlier, we're going to be finishing those plans up and submitting our ITEP application here by the deadline of November 2nd. We're hoping to get all of our approvals in before the application timeframe. North Schuyler we are revising the plans to take out what's already been completed, as well as update a couple of things that have been done on North Schuyler since that project was completed. And we are getting our environmental clearances completed through DCO right now as well so that project will probably be out to bid sometime in November or December. A couple other projects we're just continued to work on or Eastridge Drive and Francine Drive are still moving forward. Thank you.

MIKE MCGRATH:

Just following up with Alderman Tall, I will get that out to you tomorrow. I was waiting out a couple cases from the outside law firms that are handling the cases of judging the written update (*inaudible*). Obviously, attorney client confidential since most of it is ongoing litigation and just ask everyone keep that in their inner pocket and not share with anyone.

STEVE BERTRAND:

Thank you Mayor, everything is going smoothly at the library.

JASMYN HUMBLE:

Thank you Mayor. Alderwoman Malone Marshall mentioned the Community Cleanup and Chief Kosman mentioned the Police Trunk or Treat. We shared, both of those today all that information is on our website as well. Kankakee United will be doing top tips for resumes and interviewing success. Linh Williams has partnered with Kim Cross KCC Coordinator of Career Services. I'll be next Tuesday on October 27 from 5:30P.M., probably until 6:30P.M. on the fourth floor of the Kankakee Library spaces limited. I also want to mention that we released the leaf update today, we've been getting some emails about the leaf pickup and DPW did send an update so we did share that today. That's all I have.

MAYOR'S UPDATE

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Very quickly again, we do have exposures to COVID-19 happening in our community. The Department of Public Health is recommending the flu shot for people who are considered vulnerable populations. James has already mentioned during his update that the flu shot is available to the city employees and officials. Additional family members \$25. As I mentioned previously, the case positivity rate is increasing. I was on the west side of Kankakee Friday night and absolutely appalled at one of the restaurants clearly not complying but social distancing and craft capacity limits. The Governor is going to be talking to us about these case positivity rates. I had a short update from IML before we headed into our meetings tonight. He's already looking to put region, I think it was region five and mitigation so it's really important that we remember to wear our masks to wash our hands and to socially distance. I will make sure that if I find out more information from the Governor tomorrow that I get there to all of you. General obligation bonds, Elizabeth covered I want to thank, Elizabeth, Pete, and Burt, for their assistance. Lastly, Alderman O' Brien as Elizabeth mentioned is going to be on the call with us this week. I want to thank Alderman O'Brien for support on this effort as well. Our (*inaudible*) board which is the cannabis board that is managed by the Senate Governor Juliana Stratton we will be meeting this week to address grant applications

they've had a significant number of grants coming up applications for the first cycle. So as I can provide an update on those. I spoke with Burt regarding cameras for all liquor license holders, making that a condition of having a liquor license so I asked him to draft an ordinance for me to send to the Public Safety Committee and Aldermen Brown I'm going to send that over to you in the next day or so, that you can have that to review with the public safety committee. Just trying to, you know, continue to strategize about ways he can make the community safer so I want to make sure public safety takes a look at that. And then again, Ricky Rockets, I think Alderman Tall, I don't remember who asked. Bruce, the project engineer was supposed to call me today he has not. I did call him last week and he indicated that he had been in the hospital. So, I will reach out to him again this week. Once I hear from him, I will provide an update of course like I do weekly and bi weekly updates to all of you. And then I just want to remind the committee chairs again so that we can continue to move the city of Kankakee forward, and handle the business keep things moving that she will respond to me and send me information status reports from your respective committees, so the things don't fall through the cracks or progress haults. The only way for us to keep things moving is that we have to communicate with each other. So again if License & Franchise could send that information over to my office as it relates to carry out liquor. Then, I will work with Mike McGrath and the team to get that done and follow the wishes of the License & Franchise Committee. That is all that I have, I want to thank you guys for your patience. This is going a little longer than we thought but a good update from IDOT. May I have a motion to adjourn?

ADJOURNMENT

ALD MALONE MARSHALL: So move Madam Mayor.

ALD TETTER: Second.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Motioned by Alderwoman Malone Marshall and Seconded by Alderman Tetter. All in favor?

COUNCIL: Aye.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Opposed same sign? We are adjourned.